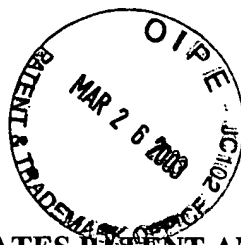


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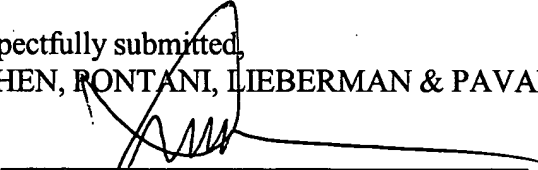
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REQUEST FOR A SECOND ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a second one-month extension of the original, shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of October 1, 2002. A request for a first one-month extension of time, accompanied by the required government fee of \$55.00, was previously filed on January 31, 2003. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$150.00 for this second one-month extension of time (i.e. the difference between the small-entity government fee for a two-month extension of time and the previously-paid government fee of \$55.00 for a first one-month extension of time) is enclosed herewith.

Any additional fees or charges that may be required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

This request seeks only a two-month extension of time, rather than a three-month extension of time, because the Patent and Trademark Office improperly failed to timely provide applicant with its response to the Amendment After Final which was filed by applicant on January 31, 2003 by facsimile transmission.

Specifically, the Patent and Trademark Office issued, in response to applicant's Amendment After Final filed January 31, 2003, an Advisory Action dated February 11, 2003. Examiner Francis Nguyen, and his Supervisory Patent Examiner Richard Hjerpe, have informed applicant's undersigned representative by telephone that the February 11, 2003 Advisory Action was prepared and then placed in the Patent and Trademark Office file, without being mailed to applicant; that failure by the Patent and Trademark Office to have timely mailed the Advisory Action was not discovered until March 20, 2003 when applicant's representative telephoned Examiner Nguyen on March 20, 2003 to inquire as to the status of the application. At that time, Examiner Nguyen, after obtaining and reviewing the Patent and Trademark Office file of this application, reported to applicant's undersigned representative that he had found the February 11, 2003 Advisory Action, including the copy that was to be mailed to applicant, in the file and that it was clear that a copy of that Advisory Action had never been sent to applicant. Examiner Nguyen then faxed a copy of the Advisory Action to the undersigned; a copy of that March 20, 2003 fax from Examiner Nguyen is attached hereto.

In a subsequent telephone conversation with Supervisory Patent Examiner Hjerpe, the undersigned informed Examiner Hjerpe of applicant's intention to file a Continuation Application (CPA), and pointed out that it would be unfair to require that applicant pay the government fee for a *three* month extension of time, instead of for a *two* month extension of time, since the delay in applicant's ability to file the CPA within the two-month extended term was solely due to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office error. Examiner Hjerpe suggested that the paper requesting the extension of time explain the circumstances, as has been done herein, and that that explanation should be sufficient to assure that the fee for only a *two*-month extension of time will need to be paid by applicant.

Under these circumstances, applicant believes that the enclosed check in payment of the remaining government fee required for a two-month extension of time should be deemed sufficient to support the Continuation Application that is being filed concurrently herewith.

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